

88/19/2004 16:19 7137800344
Aug 19 2004 4:13PM PC

AUG 19 2004 SOUTHWEST PATENT SVS

281-998-1398

PAGE 01/02

p. 1

OFFICIAL

PTO/SB/21 (03-03)

Approved for use through 03/31/2009. OMB 0331-0001
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)		Application Number	09/729,337
		Filing Date	December 4, 2000
Total Number of Pages in This Submission 17		First Named Inventor	John F. Szul, et al.
		Art Unit	1713
		Examiner Name	Robert M. Karlen
		Attorney Docket Number	20000044,US

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/Declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Part/Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance communication to Technology Center (TC) <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
Remarks _____		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
Firm or Individual name	Douglas W. Miller
Signature	<i>Douglas W. Miller</i>
Date	August 18, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING	
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.	
Typed or printed name	Dorothy Williams
Signature	<i>Dorothy Williams</i>
Date	August 19, 2004

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.6. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

AUG 19 2004

OFFICIAL

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.	: 09/729,557	Confirmation No.	4107
Applicant	: John F. Szul, et al.		
Filed	: December 4, 2000		
TC/A.U.	: 1713		
Examiner	: Robert M. Harlan		
Docket No.	: 2000U044.US		
Customer No.	: 25959		
Date	: August 19, 2004		

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2004, Applicants offer the following claim clarifications and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification None.

Amendments to the Claims are included in a listing of the claims begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

2000U044[1].US.111.8.19.04

- 1 -